

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action of October 22, 2004. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

The Office Action

The application was identified as containing claims directed to two (2) patentably distinct inventions. **Invention 1** was identified as including **claims 1-20**, and **Invention II** was identified as including **claims 21-26**.

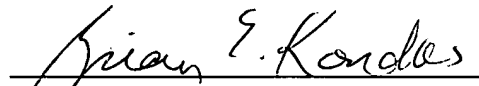
Election of Species

Applicant elects **Invention 1**, which includes **claims 1-20**. As such, please withdraw the remaining claims, namely **claims 21-26**, without traverse.

At this time, Applicants believe that no additional fees are due. However, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 03-0172.

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